

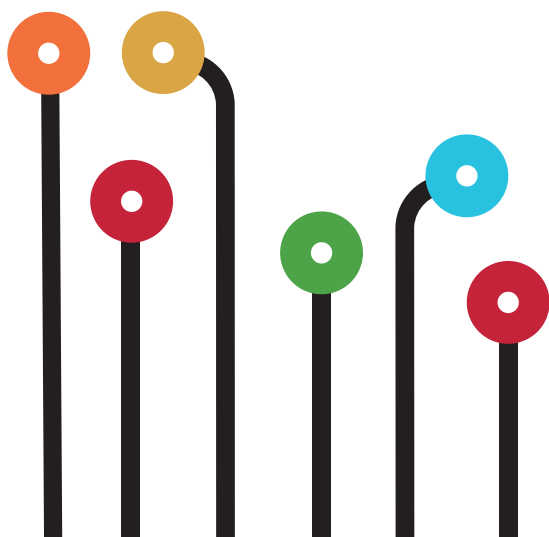


ENGAGE

IsDB ENGAGE LAUNCH

Tuesday 20th February

Bloomberg European Headquarters, London





FOREWORD

BY THE PRESIDENT

Welcome to the launch of Engage, a pioneering digital platform that will promote technology and scientific solutions to accelerate progress towards the Sustainable Development Goals.

Today we will be celebrating the innovative work that the Islamic Development Bank has already undertaken to help nurture economic growth, as well as recognising the potential for future success. Through Engage, we will encourage exciting new partnerships between innovators, investors, entrepreneurs, governments, academics and NGOs to put the necessary infrastructure in place for people in developing communities to fulfil their potential.

Science and technology are critical enablers of every Sustainable Development Goal, which is why innovative partnerships built around science and tech-led solutions are essential. Engage is a place to meet, interact with and challenge other people to develop such innovative solutions.

We are particularly proud to be signing two landmark MoUs that signify this new direction of openness and collaboration.

The first, with the United Nations' Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP), reaffirms our desire to collaborate on science, technology and innovation to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals. Together we will cooperate on research, co-organise workshops and seminars exploring economic progression, and support a wide network of scientists, technologists and innovators to achieve sustainable and inclusive development.

The second, with the Shell Foundation, shows our joint commitment to invest in solutions to development challenges, the sharing of potential investment opportunities, and the knowledge to ensure that we can help solve the social, environmental and market barriers to lift millions of people out of poverty and improve their quality of life.

I believe Engage represents a new era of openness for the global Muslim community as we look to foster collaboration from all around the world and ensure that everyone has the right to live in dignity, with access to basic human needs, such as clean water, clean energy, efficient infrastructure, and high-quality education.

Achieving the Global Goals will require an unprecedented deployment of human ingenuity and technical capability. We can meet them, but we must keep investing and innovating today in order to do so.

Thank you for your support to the Islamic Development Bank and the Engage platform.

H.E. Dr. Bandar Hajjar

President of the Islamic Development Bank

Engage Launch Agenda

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The Walbrook Dining Room

13.00

Reception

13.30-13.50

Welcome Remarks

H.E. Dr. Bandar Hajjar, The President of the Islamic Development Bank

Dr. Shamshad Akhtar, Under Secretary General of the United Nations and Executive Secretary of the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP)

Mr. Sam Parker, CEO, Shell Foundation

Dr. Hayat Sindi, Chief Scientific Advisor ,IslamicDevelopmentBank

13.50

Roundtable discussion moderated by John Lauerma, Health Editor, Bloomberg News

'How science and technology can be used to solve social and health challenges across the developing world'

14.30

Concluding remarks from H.E Dr. Bandar Hajjar

14.35

MoU signing with IsDB, UNESCAP and Shell Foundation

14.45

Guests depart

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The world is developing faster than ever before, with science and technology offering innovative solutions to major economic social and health challenges.

With the right tools and a supportive environment, innovators and businesses can harness the great potential of Science, Technology and Innovation as strategic drivers for economic growth among their local communities.

That is why the Islamic Development Bank is launching **Engage**.

Engage is a digital hub, which will create a global innovation ecosystem for the world's developing communities, connecting innovation with market opportunities and funding.

Closely aligned to the Sustainable Development Goals (the Global Goals), Engage will focus on accelerating progress towards achieving greater food security, healthier lives, inclusive and equitable education, sustainable management of water and sanitation, access to affordable and clean energy, and sustainable industrialisation across the developing world.

\$12 trillion
could be added to global GDP
by 2025 by advancing women's
equality through better use of
technology



WHY IS ENGAGE IMPORTANT?

The perfect online environment

Engage is a place to interact with and incubate imaginative ideas that will address sustainability challenges, providing the perfect online environment to engage with a large network of influential global stakeholders.

The platform offers three main services: Match Making, Technology Transfer and Calls for Innovation.

Through Engage, innovators, SMEs, private sector companies, Government decision makers and NGOs will benefit from tailored mentoring services and expert knowledge-sharing that will help activate their ideas and proposals to an internationally recognised standard.

Financial support to drive lasting change

To ensure its members have access to a steady flow of financing facilities, the Islamic Development Bank has established a new multi-million dollar fund – The Transform Fund – to finance innovative ideas linked to development solutions.

The Transform Fund will provide seed money for start-ups and SMEs to develop their ideas. It will also help fund capacity building and the commercialization of technology developed through partnerships between researchers and entrepreneurs.



12%
of the global population
don't have access to
drinking water services



Empowering local communities

We recognise that ideas can come from anywhere. But ideas need to be nurtured so that they can grow into projects that can make a lasting difference to the world.

Thanks to Engage, innovative ideas will be translated into real development solutions that will address pressing humanitarian challenges.

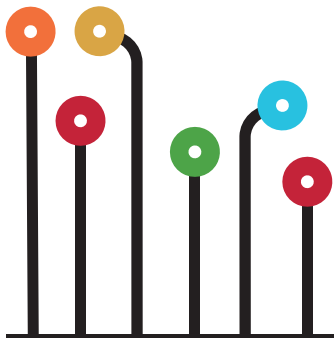
Engage will empower local communities in the developing world through the transfer of technological and scientific knowledge, enabling them – and the younger generation in particular – to live dignified and prosperous lives.

GLOBAL GOALS



THE GLOBAL GOALS For Sustainable Development

Engage is closely aligned to the Global Goals. It will put the infrastructure in place and build collaborative partnerships to help end poverty, fight inequality and ultimately make our planet more sustainable.



The key areas of focus include:



End hunger, achieve food security and improved nutrition and promote sustainable agriculture.



Ensure healthy lives and promote well-being for all at all ages.



Ensure inclusive and equitable quality education and promote lifelong learning opportunities for all.



Ensure availability and sustainable management of water and sanitation for all.



Ensure access to affordable, reliable, sustainable and modern energy for all.



Build resilient infrastructure, promote inclusive and sustainable industrialization and foster innovation.

ABOUT

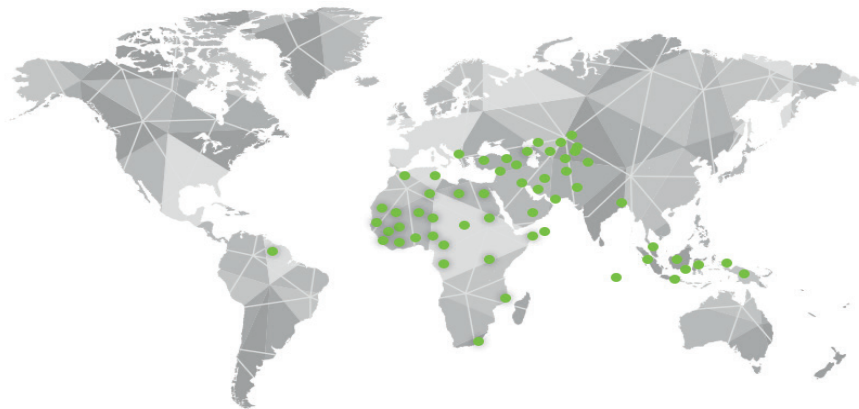
THE ISLAMIC DEVELOPMENT BANK

The Islamic Development Bank (IsDB) is a multilateral development bank that has been working for over 40 years to improve the lives of the communities it serves by delivering impact at scale.

We bring together 57 member countries across four continents, touching the lives of 1 in 5 of the world's population. We are one of the world's largest multilateral development banks, with an annual volume of operations above \$10 billion and subscribed capital of \$33 billion.

The IsDB is headquartered in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia, with major hubs in Morocco, Malaysia, Kazakhstan and Senegal, and gateway offices in Egypt, Turkey, Indonesia, Bangladesh and Nigeria.

Our mission is to equip people to drive their own economic and social progress at scale, putting the infrastructure in place to enable them to fulfil their potential. We build collaborative partnerships between communities and nations, and work towards the UN Sustainable Development Goals, by harnessing the power of science, technology and innovation and fostering ethical and sustainable solutions to the world's greatest development challenges.





1/3

of all food is lost or **wasted** each year

1.6bn

people could be connected to **e-health services** in 2030

263m

people under 18 globally are **without** access to **education**

Extending **internet access** to developing world could create roughly

140million net jobs

40%

of **food loss** occurs at post harvest and processing

Only

19%

of total energy consumption is from **renewables**

*Statistics sourced from 2030Vision Full Report 2017



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